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SUBJ: REUVEN DAFNI: BIO INFO REQUEST

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1. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN WHO'WHO IN ISRAEL, EMBASSY IS ABLE TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING DETAILS CONCERNING DAFNI'S BACKGROUND.

2. DURING HIS MILITARY SERVICE FOR THE BRITISH ARMY IN WORLD WAR II, DAFNI SERVED IN NORTH AFRICA, GREECE, CRETE AND SYRIA CAMPAIGNS. IN 1943 HE WAS PARACHUTED BEHIND GERMAN LINES IN YUGOSLAVIA, SERVING AS LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN BRITISH AND TITO'S PARTISANS.

3. IN 1946 DAFNI WAS ONE OF FOUR MEMBERS OF FIRST HAGANA MISSION TO US, PRESUMABLY TO LOOK INTO QUESTION OF ARMS PURCHASES FOR ISRAELI UNDERGROUND.

4. FROM 1951-1953, DAFNI SERVED IN DOUBLE CAPACITY IN JERUSALEM AS MFA SPOKESMAN AND AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF ARMISTICE COMMITTEES.

5. DAFNI SPEAKS, IN ADDITION TO HEBREW, ENGLISH, FRENCH, SERBO-CROAT AND GERMAN.

6. DAFNI HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN HIS DEALINGS WITH US. HE
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IS EXTREMELY PRO-AMERICAN. ACCORDING TO ONE OF HIS MFA

ASSOCIATES, HE HAS VISITED EVERY STATE IN THE US AND IS VERY
PROUD OF IT. HE IS MARRIED TO AN AMERICAN.
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